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1. BANGKOK POST JUNE 6 UNDER LARGE HEADLINES ON FINANCIAL PAGE
STATED: "US DEFERS TEXTILE QUOTA" AND "IMPORT LIMITS ON THAI
SYNTHETIC FIBERS TO BE DISCUSSED NEXT YEAR." ARTICLE THAT FOLLOWS,
WHICH GIVES AS SOURCE CHIEF OF FOREIGN TRADE DEPARTMENT OF MINISTRY
OF COMMERCE, CONTAINS VIRTUALLY ALL INFORMATION REPORTED
REFTEL B. END UNCLASSIFIED

2. MEMBER OF THAI DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON TOLD ECON/CML COUNSELOR
THAT ABOVE ARTICLE CARRIED IN THREE OR FOUR NEWSPAPERS AND THAT
ADDITIONAL PUBLICITY ON RESULTS OF WASHINGTON TALKS SHOULD
APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS JUNE 7. REMARKED THAT TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS
WERE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BLAME AND SO HAD PICKED ON U.S.
BELIEVES THAT STEPS TAKEN AND PLANNED FOR TOMORROW SHOULD SET THE
RECORD STRAIGHT.

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3. PRESS FOR JUNE 6 ALSO REPORTS THAT THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY SUCCEEDED IN PERSUADING 24 MAJOR TEXTILE FACTORIES NOT TO DISCUSS ANY WORKERS DESPITE THE 25 PERCENT REDUCTION IN OUTPUT. SAME ARTICLE REPORTED THAT THESE 24 FACTORIES EMPLOY ABOUT 50,000 WORKERS OUT OF TOTAL OF ROUGHLY 70,000. ALSO STATES THAT THREE ACTIVIST STUDENT GROUPS HAVE ISSUED A STATEMENT DENOUNCING FOREIGN TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS, WITH THE JAPANESE MADE A PARTICULAR TARGET. END UNCLASSIFIED

4. EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ALLEGED SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN ORDERS FROM US FIRMS, PER REFTEL A. DOMESTIC DEMAND HAS DROPPED SHARPLY ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS. AGREEMENT REPORTED ABOVE SHOULD END EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE DISPUTE, BUT EMPLOYERS PRESUMABLY WILL EXPECT SOME FORM OF COMPENSATION FROM RTG.
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